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Intro

Good morning/ evening or whenever you are listening. This is Learn 4 Life news for Monday 8th of April 2013.

Yes, we're back on the air for the next few weeks bringing you information on events and resources for the Teaching Community especially grass roots teacher CPD (Continual Professional Development) in the UK.

News

On the news today - the new TeachMeet TV Archive; Research around Communities of Practice on Twitter; the latest on the autumn ResearchED conference 2013. You'll find all the links for this programme at http://www.L4L.co.uk

Teachers TV

The big news over the holidays was that a number of people, myself included, got together to create TeachMeet TV.

After a couple of Tweets online a hastily arranged Google Hangout brought together Christopher Waugh (@edutronic_net on Twitter), Fearghal Kelly (@fkelly), Judith Enright (@judeenright) and Stephen Lockyer (@mrlockyer).

You can see the new site at:

http://bit.ly/teachmeettv -

We use the bit.ly prefix to the URL in these broadcasts in case you are listening and need to write down the web address quickly so I repeat each one and use the URL shortener at

http://bit.ly.com

the long URL address is:

http://teachmeettv.edutronic.net/ -

it has had over 2000 views in 3 days.

The site brings together a selection of the best videos of TeachMeet events and archives them under different section headings. There are Keynotes, Leadership, Learning, Mojo!, Pedagogy, Teachers,

Technology. It is well worth a visit of your time if you want to catch up on current grass roots events in the teaching community.

I have a private archive of over 5 years' worth of videos of TeachMeets going back to 2008 or earlier - I'll have to think carefully about which ones to link to on this site.

Archiving audio and video is a tricky process - it tends to get lost in the mists of time unless a conscious effort is made to capture and curate content.

L4Lnews, for example, is designed to be easily found by the hashtag #L4Lnews and is cross-referenced on several archival sites. To make all the news stories more easily "searchable" the transcript for this and subsequent programmes will be uploaded to Scribd and archive.org for example with relevant keywords. It is a tortuous business but does pay dividends in the longer run.

So go along and browse the video archive at:

http://bit.ly/teachmeettv -

Twitter Research

And that brings me to a website and 2 PDf documents pointed to in my Twitter stream today.

Lucie Golton announced on her twitter account @LGolton - she has released the second of two papers

TEACHER LEARNING VIA TWITTER PART 2

http://bit.ly/twit_research

(http://purpleelf.edublogs.org/2013/04/07/teacher-learning-via-twitter-part-2/)

Based on Wenger's Communities of Practice - the first is a literature review and the second is

"using the problem-structuring method of Soft Systems methodology, the paper constructs both rich pictures of the situation and conceptual models to help understand how teachers are learning in this community.

Findings show a range of activities and interactions undertaken by individuals that lead to learning within the community. The forms of knowledge disseminated within this community are also discussed

alongside possible avenues for further research that are raised."

Both are really interesting papers that will eventually lead to an EdD (Doctorate in Education) to find the papers just follow the bit.ly URL at:

http://bit.ly/twit_research

ResearchED 2013

And speaking of bringing a more scientific way researching into Teaching - Tom Bennett's (atombennett71) proposal to have a conference - the interim URL for this is:

bit.ly/research teach

http://researched2013.wordpress.com/

Research Ed 2013 is a conference to be held in September 2013 for teachers and researchers who are interested in evidenced based education. It is being organised by Tom Bennett after much cajoling by Ben Goldacre, Sam Freedman and others.

If you want to be placed on an email list to be kept informed please send us an email with the subject Mailing List to researched@hotmail.co.uk to allow them to keep you informed. Your details will be only used for the purposes stated above and not passed to any third parties.

And that's it for this week - you can hear the show on

https://soundcloud.com/l4lnews/

AudioBoo on:

http://audioboo.fm/Eyebeams

You can access the bit.ly URL bundles at

http://bitly.com/bundles/eyebeams/13

or a handy Licorize Booklet with pictures and links at:

http://licorize.com/projects/3yebeams/L4Lnews08-04-2013

or see the website at:

http://www.l4l.co.uk/?p=5838

and finally if you have an iPhone probably the easiest way to listen and

keep up to date with all the L4L news, video, TV programmes, streaming and YouTube - just type in L4L - Capital L number 4 Capital L in the Apple store.

Thank you and have a productive day...